

In re Appln. of ISHIBASHI et al.  
Application No. 10/619,433

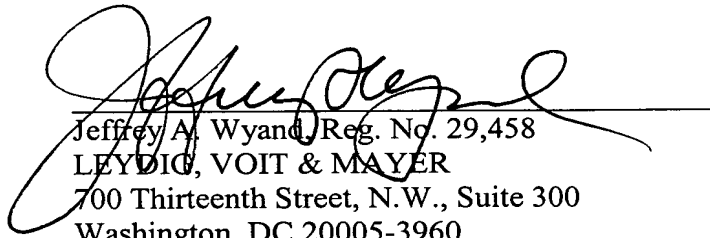
*REMARKS*

In response to the Office Action mailed March 24, 2004, Applicants amend their application. In this Amendment claims 2 and 3 are cancelled and claims 8 and 9 are added so that claims 1 and 4-9 are now pending. Of these claims, only claim 1 is an independent claim. Thus, that claim is generic as to all pending claims.

In view of the claim amendment, the species election requirement is moot and there is no need to make an election. All claims can be read on the alleged species of Figures 1(A)-1(G) and Figures 2(A)-2(G). Therefore, no matter which alleged species is elected, all of claims 1 and 4-9 must be examined. If, nonetheless, the Examiner insists that an election be made, then Applicants elect the alleged species of Figures 1(A)-1(G) and identify claims 1 and 4-9 as reading on that alleged species.

Prompt and favorable examination of claims 1 and 4-9 is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

  
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